

A MUCH DANCING AND MORE MUSIC

Engage the attention of SOCIETY

Four important balls and musicals to last us for a month will be society's portion the coming week.

Good things as well as misfortunes sometimes decide to group themselves, and it appears that in the case with our musicals at present. With the Northern concert to-morrow, four opera performances beginning on Wednesday night and ending on Friday, with two private musicals that will be large and interesting, and with the Choral-Symphony and Campanari to music on Saturday night, we shall be positively saturated. It is decidedly unfortunate that everything comes at once, but cannot be helped, so far as any one is able to see, since there is a mutual dependence in the musical affairs.

Mrs. Elgar Tilton, whose afternoon musical is on the day, has announced her programme, so I am not positive that she has engaged any professionals, but Mrs. Kilpatrick's Wednesday afternoon entertainment, as everybody knows, will have Madame Schumann-Heink for its piece de resistance, and the Choral-Symphony musicians are exhibiting themselves on the fact that they can succeed in getting Campanari on Saturday night, the gentleman coming to them from the opera cast, just as Schumann-Heink goes to Mrs. Kilpatrick and later to the Musical Union Club. So you see artists are arranged to fit, and we must be duly grateful that we can have such a fine week and not grumble over a possible case of music indigestion at the end of it.

Poor Mrs. Kilpatrick is positively ill at the unfortunate disturbance concerning Schumann-Heink. Of course, nobody attaches the slightest blame to her in the matter. But even so, the excitement and discussion which have been rife for the last week might well be calculated to distress a woman of sensitive and retiring disposition, such as Mrs. Kilpatrick possesses. And this happens to be the first large entertainment that she has given for more than a year. However, everybody will go on Wednesday evening and listen to Jean Gerardi, whether Schumann-Heink sings or not.

I understand that the Union Musical Club has a slight grudge against Herbert Witherspoon, who sang at Mrs. Louis Chauvenet's last Monday night and then for the club on Tuesday; though in point of fact there was no express statement in his contract with the club, but he was engaged to sing alone. But, ethically, the club women have a right to feel disgruntled, since there is no doubt that a first performance at a private house by any musician of importance necessarily injures a subsequent public performance. Mrs. Chauvenet, however, entertained only about eight guests, but Mrs. Witherspoon sang to a very small audience the next night.

The halls of the week are to begin on Tuesday night with that given by the Training School ladies, to continue on Wednesday by the first meeting of the Cecilia Club, on Thursday the D. O. C. ball, which is to be unusually smart this year, and to end on Friday night with Mrs. Dan Callin's dance at Mahler's. So, you see, all the sets will dance, on at least one evening.

Henry Lackland is indisposed, being threatened with pneumonia, and there is every likelihood that the first cotillon, therefore, will have to be led by some one else. Mr. Lackland did not appear at the Wickham ball last Thursday night, being too ill, and his friends have been quite alarmed. I understand that should he be well enough to lead on Wednesday, this will be his last cotillon. He told several intimates not long ago that to be known as a professional cotillon leader was becoming decidedly irksome and quite interfering with his business, and that he therefore proposed to stop. Sensible persons will unhesitatingly applaud his decision, while society in general will sorrow over its loss of a most capable, courteous and generally charming impresario of cotillons.

The first Imperial will be danced at the St. Louis Club Monday night, December 10. Six women of distinction are chosen by the secret committee this year to act as patronesses. They are Mrs. Callin, Mrs. Howard Elliott, Mrs. James January, Mrs. Charles Nagel, Mrs. John Davis and Mrs. Lomberger.

On Wednesday night of next week, December 13, the Frank Johnsons introduce their daughter at a ball given at the St. Louis Club, while on the following evening comes Emma Whitaker's dance, which is to be at Mahler's. Miss Whitaker had decided on Tuesday, but changed when the Imperial card came out, as the men asked to both balls are about the same, and two such routs in succession are rather too much to expect of most St. Louisans, who do business, stands with rather more devotion than that which they accord to social functions—even the liveliest.

Mrs. "Lil" McNair has quite recovered from the illness which laid her prostrate at the time of the golf tournament, and has been playing most energetically nearly every morning of late on the Country Club course.

Mahogany is the fashionable hair tint this winter. Twice blessed is she to whom nature gave those rich and ruddy locks which have heretofore been denominated as auburn. They are still auburn, but with



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a new name, i. e., "mahogany." First, because the tints of nature cannot be improved on, for as we may say, second, because the quality and fitness of auburn hair is one of the best factors in its favor. Just a word to the girls who may attempt to do a little mahogany work on their own account. Don't, if you are blonde. Blow the roots of your bonny locks will surely proclaim the fact. It is much harder to keep light hair dark when it begins to grow in that the reverse, which is one big reason why you never hear blonde-natural ones-dyeing their hair to a brown or black. Mrs. Selby Harwood is the luckiest woman of her set just now. Her hair has always been the object of secret envy among the women who know her, but never more than at the present time, when "mahogany" is the rage.

Henry Blossom came back the other day for a brief St. Louis visit. He is now in New York permanently, staying at the Lamb's Club, and busy at work on a dramatic "checkers," also doing no small bit of writing for general publishers. Mr. Blossom will be in town for ten days.

Dinner-dances are now considered to be out of fashion for bringing out debutantes. They have quite superseded the cotillon, "eat" this winter in New York, and all the smart buds are making their first appearances at the more pretentious and it must be added, more expensive form of entertainment. As everybody knows, costs just about as much, and all told, the expenses are by no means large if one's guests be moderate in number; but a dinner-dance, of any size at all—really, there is almost no limit to the cost. Their continuous feature is one thing to commend them, and there is no doubt whatever about the fact.

Mrs. Helen Roosevelt, whose father is a cousin of the President, will come out in this way next week. Mrs. Pierre Lorillard will give a dinner-dance for her niece, Miss Taylor of California; Henry Sloane will present his daughter, Miss Jessie Sloane, in this manner, and in January Mrs. Burke-Roeche will give a similar function to introduce her daughter, Miss Cynthia Roeche.

A new and cozy club has just been formed among the younger set. Cards and dancing are to be the prevailing forms of amusement, with "plenty of conversation," as sparkling little Hazel Jackson informs us. The club gave its premiere last Tuesday night, with Miss Jackson as hostess, and the following members as guests: Miss Olivia, Miss Florence York, Miss Bertha Turner, Miss Josephine Salome, Miss Francine Lucas, Miss Cora Gehner, Miss Virginia Sanford, Miss Lillian Seymour, Miss Henrietta Bull, and Miss Caroline Newman; Will Nicholson, John Gibson, Wallace Culver, Ralph Cole, Guy Mariner, Alfred T. Kelly, Jr., Martin Seward, Messrs. Bernady, Shuette, Lawvine, Kimball, with Doctor and Mrs. Otto Ball as the only married couple.

Euchre was the diversion at this first meeting. Miss Gilo will give a second card party in a fortnight at the Ohio country place in Normandy, and Miss Gilo will give the club a dance on Christmas Eve.

MISCELLANEOUS ENTERTAINMENTS.

A surprise party was given to Miss Ola Riegel by her friends, in honor of her fifteenth birthday. Miss Riegel received many presents, and the evening passed pleasantly. Each guest received a handsome souvenir. Those present were:

Misses—Jennie Blake, Sylvia Nance, Alice Troll, Mamie McKead, Edna Langsten, Lena Riegel, Edna Keane, Clara Dehal, Hattie Walker.

One of the functions of last week was the dinner given by Mrs. John Sharkey of the North Side in honor of Mr. John Sharkey, a cousin, from the East, and Mrs. Lydia



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Mrs. Frank Wright entertained informally last Sunday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock in honor of Miss Shaw of the "Ben-Hur" company. Mrs. Wright was assisted in receiving her guests by Mrs. T. L. D. Morrison, Mrs. Ashley, Mrs. Niles, and Misses—Clem Juegling, John Sharkey, Sr., Lolla York, from Illinois, Henry Kuehn, from Illinois, Edgar Heigelman, Misses—Gladie Mahoney, Lillie Haselbarth, Nellie Sullivan, Messieurs—Owen Blanchard, John Spencer, George Schumacher, Will Halloway.

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WEDDINGS.

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The marriage of Miss Georgia Ellen Muffey of Ironton, Mo., and Doctor Joseph J. Meredith of St. Louis took place Thursday morning, November 28, at the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. William T. Gay, of Ironton. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Thomas Marshall in the presence of the relatives and intimate friends of the couple, many coming from St. Louis and neighboring cities. The house was decorated with flowers and plants, pink and white roses predominating. She carried a bouquet of long stemmed bride's roses. The maid of honor wore a girlish gown of white, and carried a large bouquet of pink roses.

Immediately after the ceremony breakfast was served, followed by a large reception, at the close of which the bride and groom, amidst showers of rice and other tokens of good will, departed for a wedding tour. Upon their return they will reside in St. Louis.

WOMEN'S CLUBS.

The Forethought Club held its regular meeting Friday afternoon with Mrs. J. S. Garrett, No. 382 Maple avenue. Mrs. George W. Trice, essayist for the afternoon, read a paper on "Which Was the Greater Writer, Dickens or Thackeray." This was followed by a reading from "David Copperfield," by Mrs. Gattin. Mrs. H. Vrooman closed the program with a paper on "Lillian Whit-

The Tuesday Evening Club of Webster met in the residence of Mr. William C. Rumsey, November 28, and listened to a paper by Honorable Norman J. Colburn, Secretary of Agriculture, under Cleveland. The subject was "Cleveland and His Cabinet," and the speaker entertained his hearers with personal reminiscences. This was the first of a series of seven monthly meetings to be addressed by such

distinguished men as Professor W. L. Sheldon, Mr. Guy Lindsey, John Allen, D. R. Francis, W. B. Stevens and William Marion Reedy.

SOCIAL CLUBS.

The "North and South Euchre" was entertained by Mrs. Percy H. Chapman at her home, No. 341 South Eighteenth street, last Thursday. After the prizes were awarded luncheon was served. The winners were Mrs. L. Baehler, Mrs. O. Ruge, Mrs. Brewster. The consolation prize going to Miss Rosa Meyer.

A minstrel performance and dance to be given at Union Club Hall Friday night, December 20, by the "Owls" will be one of the events of the coming week. The members of the "Owls" are high school boys, as follows: Ed Donohue, Ed Padlock, Gus Tausig, Will Rees, Leonard Beardsley, John Snook, Paul Grace, Horace Milliken, John Klem, Aristo Solomon, Boyce Clark, Frank Patterson, and a few vocal selections were features of the evening, after which supper was served.

The young ladies Chrysanthemum Club will give a dance on Monday evening, December 9, at Jefferson and Park avenues. One of the events of the past week was the recent given to the North Side Y. M. C. Club by Miss Margaret Connors, at her home, No. 234 Walnut street. Singing, dancing and a few vocal selections were features of the evening, after which supper was served.

Among those present were: Misses—Lillian Melan, Blanche Smith, Sabina O'Brien, Maye Harrington, Catherine Greier, Ethel Jones, Margaret Connors, Messieurs—William McGrath, John Higgins, Gus Bissell, Maurice Walsh, Dwight McConnell.

The St. Claire Informal will hold its next dance at West End Hall, Vandeventer and Finney avenues, on Wednesday evening, December 11.

Mrs. Fred Flammger of No. 241 Sidney street entertained the members of the Rose-le Club on Wednesday afternoon with a euchre. After the euchre a repast was served. This club was organized in 1880, originating from a charitable organization, and has met monthly for fourteen years.

Mrs. George C. Carrie of No. 280 Washington avenue entertained the Jefferson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, last Saturday afternoon. The meeting was presided over by the regent, Mrs. Mary Polk Winn, and business session was held, after which Mrs. Albert D. Chappell, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, was placed in charge. Mrs. John Ralston

read a paper: Mrs. John Martin Taylor gave a little talk on her recent visit to the site of the encampment of Revolutionary soldiers at Valley Forge, which she has been acquired by the Daughters for a national memorial and park. Mrs. Chappell sang two numbers, one of them composed by Mr. Charles Humphrey; Miss Mary Dill gave a piano solo. Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Carrie sang a duet, and Mr. George C. Carrie and Mrs. Morris sang solo, which were much applauded.

Among those present were: Messieurs—Mary Polk Winn, Elsie Polk Ferris, Winthrop G. Chappell, Albert Chappell, John A. Lee, George C. Carrie, James Y. Player, E. B. Emery, Edwin T. Campbell, William H. Watson, Arthur Thatcher, Herbert Morris, John Baiston, William Saunders, Caroline Davenport, J. K. Brennan, William Sloan, J. H. Barre, Charles H. Sharpe, Jesse Battle, Kara Hunt Dyer, John Martin Taylor, W. E. McCrory, Eugene Fleming, Charleston, Ill.

Misses—Taylor, Bates, of Wheeling, Louise Moore, W. Va. Bertha Carrington, Nellie Sheets of Elizabeth P. Greene, Katherine Kenney, Winmouth Evans.

Mrs. F. P. Leonard of Caroline street entertained her euchre club Thursday afternoon. Prizes were won by Mrs. Church, Mrs. Byrne, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Thiers and Mrs. Ryan. The members present were: Mrs. Church, Cullinan, Thiers, Thiers, Ryan, Barrow, Murphy, Walsh, Meyer, Byrne, St. Amand and Leonard.

The West Belle Bowling Club met on the Louisiana Ailesy Friday evening, to inaugurate its second season of bowling. Those present were:

Messieurs—Ada Hall, J. E. Sloan, Grace Glancy, Grace Carpenter, Ethel Gann, C. V. Wade, W. H. Niemeyer, Elsie Truman, R. A. Carpenter, Susie Crews.

Misses—Miss Stella Forse succeeded in carrying off the honors of the evening on the ladies' side, while the highest average on the gentlemen's side was bowled by Mr. E. G. Egan. The club will meet hereafter on Monday evenings.

The Cecilia Bowling Club held its regular meeting Friday night, meeting at the Bellevue alleys, with a good attendance. Hot supper was served at 11 o'clock, which was enjoyed. The bowling of Mrs. L. J. Wilson was the special feature of the evening.

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